

TITLES TO LAND ON LAKE ST. CLAIR

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D Sir I'm fav^d with your two Kind Letters of the 4th & 6th last month to myself, also another relative to the Claims of M Ferry to me Jointly with others. I have Seen this man two days ago, who declares to me that the Lands the Board gave him, does not come within a whole lot of where mine is, Snyder's Farm lyes between us & that he has sent you (I suppose since you wrote) a clear map by which you will See it's the Case. but I have taken the precaution at same time to write the Attorney General least a deed might be made out that included any part of my Lands in that quarter. Whatever confusion may appear to be respecting the Lands at Petite Riviere above Peach Island, I'm Sure the Commissioners will Settle the matter equitably in an hours time. If M^r M^cNiff or any other Surveyor makes out more Lots on paper than there really is, in consequence of Said plann the Land Board Grants them, I suppose prior Certificates Will have the preference & those thrown out get Lands elsewhere, in this case the two Lots purch^d by Comm. Grant & me, above 11 years ago, & ocupied by us Since which were with others, confirmed by the Land Board cannot in Justice be considered as the two deficient or we thrown to give way to others whoes claims must be about 8 years later.

I return you many thanks for allowing M^r Barthe to take up his Lands where he desired & have Wrote you on that Subject, there is no claims on those Lands I ever heard of except one made by Maisenville & I lately have learnt that it's not him but one old Schoolmaster that was at his House as his Son tells me. however as I never wanted any thing which another has a right to If he Claims Six acres in front there, I will desire him to make Known the nature of his Claims to you & If you think them good M^r Barthe will get So much less in that quarter If not I will be very thankfull to you to let him have the whole as it will answer him better than in any other Quarter. Mrs Askin Joins in Compliments to your good mother & Mrs Smith, her apple tree is this year before my eyes, therefore